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Governor Frear paying a fine of \$400 to travel here on a foreign steamer because there is no American steamer to bring him, is a powerful spectacular argument for suspension of the coastwise shipping regulations. In one way it is rather an absurd spectacle,—an American governor deliberately violating a law of his own government and agreeing to pay the fine.

Those who claim that there are plenty of American steamers to handle the travel between here and the coast will have to put up at least \$200 worth of argument to convince Governor Frear.

"Link" seems to be trying to see how the land lays.

Dr. Cook is a strange puzzle. It might naturally have been supposed that a man able to concoct and float such a splendid fake as his, if fake it is,—would have been able to sustain it better.

ASSASSINATION PHOTOGRAPHED.

It appears that there is a complete moving picture record of the assassination of Prince Ito by a Korean at Harbin. It will serve to settle many disputes about details of what took place. The unreliable character of witnesses to scene of violence is well understood, says the Washington Star. "Where a homicide is seen by half a dozen people, their versions will rarely agree in even the essential particulars. It is, in fact, next to impossible to get three people to tell in the same detail the story of something which they have all observed. One of the reasons for this lack of agreement is that eye-witnesses to assaults and accidents are taken by surprise, with their minds unprepared for careful observation and correct memory."

"When Prince Ito was assassinated by a Korean at Harbin recently the first versions of the crime differed materially as they were cabled. The accounts varied as to the number of shots, the order of events and even the effects of the assassin's bullets. The tragedy was marked by a scene of great excitement and confusion. But by a singular chance a record of the assassination was preserved by a witness of unimpeachable integrity and accuracy. An enterprising motion picture taker had set up his machine to photograph the scene of Prince Ito's arrival and was actually operating the apparatus when the assassin fired. The consequence is that there is in the hands of the Japanese officials a film of five hundred feet in length showing every detail of the tragedy which will be shown at the trial."

"Considering the activity of the motion picture operators nowadays, it is not remarkable that this film should be in existence. Biograph views of public gatherings and the activity of important personages are being constantly taken. Probably during President Taft's tour through the west many miles of gelatin films were unrolled in machines leveled at him, and thus there is preserved a perfect pictorial record at almost every stage of his journey. The historical value of these pictures is certain to be great and some effort should be made to keep a collection of the best and most significant for future uses. Students of affairs half a century hence will be greatly edified by being shown not merely portraits and photographs of places, but representations of the activities of people of all lands and climes of this period."

Commercial News

BY L. D. TIMMONS.

There has been no dealing in stocks today of any size or large interest. The brokers are devoting their attention to other matters, incident to the closing of the year, letting rest the routine of buying and selling. On the streets there has been some bidding and some offerings of stock for sale. In every case, however, no special desire to sell has been manifest and the market has remained very firm. If the present situation keeps up until the vacation of the Exchange is over, the new year should begin with marked activity and an upward tendency all along the line.

HONOLULU LEADS.

Richard H. Trent, head of the Trent Trust Company and county treasurer, has been about the busiest man in the city today, although he only arrived home yesterday from a tour of the mainland. He found upon his return stacks of private and county business requiring his attention, and is losing no time in straightening it up.

"Everywhere I went I saw evidences of the most remarkable prosperity," he says: "and the growth of cities in the nine years since I had visited them before seems marvellous. This is true with respect to Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, Denver and other big towns. Memphis, my home city, was also a surprise. In nine years its

population has increased from 102,000 today of any size or large interest. The brokers are devoting their attention to other matters, incident to the closing of the year, letting rest the routine of buying and selling. On the streets there has been some bidding and some offerings of stock for sale. In every case, however, no special desire to sell has been manifest and the market has remained very firm. If the present situation keeps up until the vacation of the Exchange is over, the new year should begin with marked activity and an upward tendency all along the line.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

The Promotion Committee will not take a holiday this year, but will hold a meeting Thursday afternoon. This is made necessary by the unusually and unexpectedly large amount of business on hand.

By the Mongolia Acting Secretary W. J. Cooper received the largest bunch of correspondence that has come to the committee in a long while. It consists largely of letters of inquiry concerning the islands and business prospects here.

MOUNTAIN KING STOCK.

The market letter of Chester B. Ellis & Co., stock and bond brokers of San Francisco, bearing date of December 17 last, contains quite flattering references to Mountain King mining

stock, considerable of which is held locally. "Interesting and probably highly pleasing information will be communicated to the shareholders" in the near future is the assurance of the letter; and they have news of an important clean-up around the first of the year. A refusal to sell stock at \$9 a share is reported, and the brokers seem to feel that that figure is not too high for it.

THE NEW Y. M. C. A.

Surveyors began work yesterday on the site selected for the new Y. M. C. A. building. They must verify and map the boundaries and sketch the area to be occupied by the big character factory. This is the first live move toward building operations since the land was acquired, and assurances are had from General Secretary Super (the live wire) that things will hum henceforward thereabout. The big, new Y. M. C. A. building has been described over and over again. Few public structures have appealed so forcibly to the commercial, as well as the general community, and its completion will be looked forward to with keen interest.

ADDITION TO GARAGE.

The Associated Garage will build an addition to its home in Merchant street, which will take in the vacant lot between the present garage and the premises of the Schuman Carriage Company. The addition will front on Merchant, will average 30 feet in width and will extend back 128 feet. It will be used for the storage of automobiles, etc.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Business is piling up for the meeting of the Merchants' Association tomorrow afternoon. Besides the widening of Hotel street and the trading stamp matters, the Association will take up the refusal of the navy department to allow a ship or two of Admiral Sebees fleet to stop here on February 1, and an effort will be made to have some other vessels come here for the occasion.

PAPERS FILED.

The following were filed up to this afternoon for record:

Martha K. Dowsett, by tr., et al., to R. A. Drummond, deed.

Katie Stillman to Lellani Mossman, deed.

Hawn. Trust Co., Ltd., tr., to Palolo Land & Improvement Co., Par. rel.

Palolo Land & Imp. Co., Ltd., to A. H. Dondero et al., deed.

A. H. Dondero, et al., to Bank of Hawaii, mtg.

A. H. Dondero et al to G. Smidley, deed.

A. H. Dondero et al to Marq Warner,

deed.

Territory of Hawaii to Ben Wilkins, deed.

William Bache and wife to Kolona Sugar Co., mtg.

Agnes McKeague and husband to Y. Ahin, lease.

Lau Shee to Choy Ken Piu, et al, rel.

deed.

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Meleana Bell to First Bank of Hilo, Ltd., Mtg.

Hawaii Herald Pub. Co., Ltd., to Mergenthaler Linotype Co., Mtg.

Makani (w) et al., to H. L. Holstein, Deed.

Francis M. Swanzy to Kalwiki Sugar Co., Deed.

W. C. Achi, tr., to Wong Chee, Mtg.

Mrs. Koolau Malle to Loo Chong, Lease.

Wm. Kaal and wife to Daniel Hanakahi, Deed.

First Bank of Hilo, Ltd., to Mrs. E. A. Nawahi, Par. Rel.

deed.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Dec. 28.

Nakatani, one story dwelling, nine rooms, 10th Avenue, Kaimuki.

PLUMBING PERMITS.

Dec. 28.

Kwong See Yick Co., wooden tenement, Maunakea street, Won Louie & Co., plumbers.

K. Sunouchi, dwelling, Kamakela lane. M. K. Goto, plumber.

Joe Morris, dwelling, Morris lane. F. Santos, plumber.

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